

gates are going to meet in your country to discuss the possible terms of peace between both belligerents.

I have instructed Mr. Witte, Secretary of State, and my ambassador in the United States, Baron Eosen—how far Eussia's concessions can go towards meeting Japan's propositions.

I need not tell you that I have full confidence that you will do all that lies in your power to bring the peace negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion.

Believe me

yours truly

NICOLAS.

*(Original in the President's  
handwriting)*

September 6,

1905.

To

His Majesty

The Emperor of Eussia:

*My dear Emperor Nicolas:*

Your very courteous letter was handed me by M. Witte. I need hardly say how delighted I am at the peace that has been made. I have given M. Witte, to present to you, copies of the letters I had sent the Japanese Government at the same time that I was cabling you.

I have an abiding faith in the future of the mighty Slav empire which you rule; and I most earnestly wish all good fortune both for you personally and for your people.

With high regard, believe,

Very faithfully yours,

THEODOBE

EOOSEVELT.

Eoosevelt's correspondence with the Emperor of Japan began at the close of the Portsmouth Peace Conference in 1905, when the President wrote in his own hand a long letter

to the Mikado expressing his " sense of the  
magnanimity,  
and above all, of the cool-headed, far-sighted  
wisdom<sup>71</sup> he  
had shown in making the peace treaty. This  
letter was  
given in full in the account of the Peace  
Conference pub-